

A MOVEMENT

In the Interest of Cuba Set on Foot in New York.

Prominent Men Organize the Cuban League of the United States.

This Society Will Take No Small Part in the History of Both Countries—Enlistments Secretly Going On in Texas and Other Parts of the Country.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Cuban league of the United States was formally organized in this city Monday evening. The men behind this movement are so well known and carry so much weight that it is beyond a doubt the beginning of a movement that will take no small part in the history of both countries. The meeting organized with Col. Ethan Allen as president and the following as vice presidents: Chas. A. Dana, ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower, ex-Postmaster General Thomas A. James, Chauncey M. Depew, John R. Passos, Theodore Roosevelt, ex-Mayor Thos. A. Gilroy, Geo. Hoadley, J. Edward Simmons and C. H. Dennison. Francis Wayland Glen was elected secretary; Durwin R. James, treasurer, and the executive committee was made up as follows: John Jacob Astor, Paul Dana, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Col. Fred D. Grant, Walter Logan, Edwin Wardman, John C. McGuire, H. C. Alexander, Constant A. Andrews, Frank B. Carpenter, John D. Kelly and Thomas R. Stewart.

In opening the meeting Col. Allen read this call: "We the undersigned citizens of this republic, anxious for the success of all people for the civil and political liberty which this nation secured more than a century ago and still enjoys, unite in organizing the Cuban league of the United States of America. The object of this league is to secure for Cuba by all lawful, peaceful and honorable means, the political independence which her patriots are now endeavoring by tremendous sacrifice of treasure and of life to gain, to encourage them with our sympathy and moral support, and to arouse the whole nation to demand an end of the campaign of murder and destruction in that island. "Mindful of the help which our fathers received in a similar struggle, we are constrained by a sense of gratitude to return to Cuba the kindness which was given us. It is apparent to all thoughtful observers that Spain has not the power to crush the Cuban patriots, and therefore the continuance of the cruel struggle in Cuba can only serve to prolong a sense of abasement and humiliation in the minds of all men who are confident that this republic has the power to end it and is in honor called upon to do so for the highest good of all parties directly concerned."

This call was signed by all of the

men above named. Other prominent signatures attached to it were Gen. Powell Clayton, A. B. Hepburn, Silas B. Dutcher, Gen. C. T. Christensen, Col. H. L. Swords, Collis P. Huntington, Louis Windmiller, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Col. Wm. L. Brown, Gen. Martin T. McMahon, Hon. Noah Davis, Warner Miller, Gen. Howard Carroll, Dr. A. M. Fernandez de Ybarra, Alonzo B. Cornell and about 50 others. Col. Allen predicted that the movement thus started would become historic.

Secretly Enlisting. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—The Cuban situation in this section of Texas. There is almost an unanimous feeling of public sentiment in favor of the patriots. Dallas is the center of activity. Two secret meetings were held Monday. It is known that enlistments are secretly being made. Monday night the first departure of men from north Texas under recent recruiting was made. Twenty-three recruits, divided into three parties, took rail transportation by different routes for the gulf coast, eight for Galveston, nine for New Orleans and six for Florida. From these points they will be furnished means for reaching the island and supplied with best quality of equipment and abundant ammunition. The feeling here is intense against Spain, as the belief is general that Maceo's death was the work of hired assassins and treachery.

OTTRUMWA, Ia., Dec. 15.—The local military company passed the following resolution:

Resolved by the members of Company G, that we deprecate the action of the Spanish army in assassinating Gen. Maceo, and be it further

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to uphold any action taken by the United States government and we volunteer our services, if necessary to resort to arms, to uphold such action.

DISASTROUS FIRE. Property to the Amount of \$100,000 Destroyed at Altoona, Pa.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 15.—Fire Monday night, which started in Frank M. Marrow's dry goods store, destroyed that building and spread to Turner & Kantner, wholesale drugs, Charles A. Carpenter, wholesale tobaccoist, Post office and Odd Fellows' building, and damaged the Blumenthal building, occupied by the Temple Clothing Co.; the First national bank; H. S. Johnson's shoe store; George Fresh's sporting goods store; M. Mayer, millinery; the Altoona Candy Co., and Geo. Street's store were damaged by fire and water. Total loss, \$100,000; insurance one-third.

An exploding lamp was the cause. A Judgment Against Bob Fitzsimmons. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Judge Sewell Monday granted James F. Carroll, the light weight pugilist, a judgment against Bob Fitzsimmons, for \$907.40. The claim was for training expenses in New Orleans many years ago. Fitzsimmons did not defend the suit.

THE CAPITAL.

Carlisle Not Ready to Issue Gold Certificates.

In a Letter to a Boston Bank President the Secretary Explains Why.

The Excitement Over the Reported Assassination of Gen. Maceo Causes the Government Officials No Little Anxiety and Are Watching Developments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The following letter from the secretary of the treasury was made public Monday: Franklin Haven, Esq., President Merchants' national bank, Boston, Mass.:

DEAR SIR:—Replying to your favor of the 24th of November, written in behalf of Boston banks, asking for the issue of gold certificates under the authority granted in Section 12 of the act of July 13, 1892, I am not yet prepared to give the necessary order.

After the reserve has once fallen below \$100,000,000, and the issue of such certificates has been stopped, it is not certain that the secretary of the treasury, especially in view of existing conditions, would be justified in resuming their re-issue. It has been the experience of the department in the past normal increase in the gold reserve caused by this exchange of paper currency, for gold is checked by the issue of gold certificates and in fact upon various occasions considerable amounts of gold have been withdrawn by presentation of notes for redemption and immediately redeposited in exchange for gold certificates.

Moreover, the house of representatives of the 55th congress, at its third session passed a bill discontinuing their issue entirely and it is the intention of the department to present the subject again at a very early date. As the amount of gold reserve is largely determined from time to time by the available amount of paper in circulation, it seems inadvisable, at this time especially, to increase the volume of that currency by the issue of gold certificates.

JOHN G. CARLISLE. Secretary.

Government Officers Alert. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The feeling that has been aroused throughout the country by the reported assassination of Gen. Maceo is causing the government officials here no little anxiety and they are watching developments closely.

The United States will exhaust all their efforts to preserve its neutrality engagements and thus stop any claim for damages emanated by Spain on account of violation of neutrality laws. It is with this object in view that the war vessels Newark and Raleigh left Key West Monday. They have gone to sea to intercept, if possible, the Three Friends, which is reported to have left Fernandez, Fla., bound, it is alleged, on a filibustering expedition.

More Cuban Resolutions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Woodman (rep. Ills.), introduced in the house Tuesday a joint resolution "directing the president to act in Cuban affairs" as follows:

Whereas, The people of the United States have learned with profound sorrow of the murder of Gen. Antonio Maceo, second in command of the armies of the Republic of Cuba, and the murder of members of his staff by a detachment of Spanish troops while Gen. Maceo and his staff were keeping an appointment for conference under a flag of truce; and

Whereas, The war of extermination carried on by the Spanish government against the Cuban republic, with its murders, its assassinations, its outrages of women, its treachery, its cruelty, being entirely opposed to the rules of civilized warfare and a disgrace to civilization; and

Whereas, The proximity of the island of Cuba to the United States, and the interests and lives of American citizens being in jeopardy, and the almost universal feeling in the minds of the people of the United States that such manner of warfare should cease.

Whereas, The president having failed to carry out the wishes of the people of the United States, as expressed by their senators and representatives in congress, but on the contrary having in his annual message submitted to congress on the seventh day of December, 1896, given no adequate idea of intention to carry out the will of the people of the United States, but making an argument in favor of Spanish butchers on the island of Cuba and in support of the alleged honor of the Spanish nation; and

Whereas, The situation having reached the stage where the honor of the United States is at stake, where the continuance of such crimes and brutalities, within such close proximity to our shores, can not be borne and especially as the history of Spanish military operations gives no precedent on which to base a hope of change to compliance with the rules of civilization and of civilized warfare, therefore be it

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the president be and he is hereby directed to express to the government of Spain, through its authorized officials, severe condemnation of the methods of warfare pursued by its forces in Cuba, and especially of the means resorted to in the murder of Gen. Antonio Maceo.

Resolved, That the president is hereby directed to recognize the republic of Cuba as an independent state and to accord said republic of Cuba all the

rights and privileges in the ports and in the territory of the United States, as are enjoyed by the most favored nations.

Resolved, That the president be and is hereby directed to demand from the government of Spain, through its official representatives, that all armed forces of Spain be at once withdrawn from the island of Cuba and its ports, and to take such steps as may be necessary to enforce such demand.

The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

Bills Considered in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By unanimous consent the following bills were considered: House bill to amend an act of the Fifty-third congress so as to reduce from 50 to 40 feet the open space about government buildings, passed. Senate bill subjecting vessels of 15 tons or more, propelled by gas, naphtha or electricity and carrying passengers for hire to the regulations governing steam and sail craft as to inspection of hulls and boilers and the employment of pilots, etc., laid over on objection.

Holiday Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate has agreed to the house resolution to adjourn from December 22 until January 5.

At the suggestion of Senator Vest (dem. Mo.) the senate committee on finance Tuesday morning decided to defer until after the holidays the consideration of the nomination of David R. Francis, of Missouri, to be secretary of the interior.

Morgan's Resolution Agreed To.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the senate Tuesday the resolution offered Monday by Mr. Morgan (dem. Ala.) requesting the president to furnish copies of papers relating to the condition of affairs in Cuba, particularly as to the competitor case, was taken up and Mr. Morgan addressed the senate on the subject. The resolution was agreed to.

The Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Appropos to the action of the republican majority of the committee on ways and means regarding tariff hearings, Mr. Turner, of Georgia, the ranking member of the minority, said that the committee did not have the power to formulate a bill for the next congress. He also suggested that if current rumors were to be credited, the chairman (Mr. Dingley) might better wait until under the next administration, he might, as secretary of the treasury, give advice and instruction on this subject to those who will be asked to legislate upon it.

AT VALENCIA

The Laurada is to Be Received the Same as Any Other Vessel.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—Adm. Beranger, minister of marine, states that the "maritime commander at Valencia has been ordered to receive the American steamer Laurada precisely as he would any other merchant vessel entering that port and to furnish her with every facility for the continuation of her voyage."

Should she need supplies the marine authorities will furnish them if private parties refuse to do so.

The admiral hopes, however, that the Laurada will avoid Spain, as her presence at Valencia might cause disorders with a view of preventing which the cruiser Maria Teresa and the gun boat Vulcana are anchored off that place.

A GOOD CATCH.

Albert Protine, Noted Burglar and Counterfeiter, Under Arrest at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—One of the three men who were arrested Saturday night on suspicion of operating a counterfeit coin manufactory, was identified Monday before United States Commissioner Foot as Albert Protine, a burglar and old counterfeiter, who has served terms in prison at Milwaukee, Columbus, Cincinnati and Joliet. He gave his name as W. K. Shields, and is also known as Harry Jackson and Harry Sanders. He was shot by a policeman here this year and seriously wounded. The three prisoners were held to the grand jury and sent to the Joliet jail. A complete counterfeiters' equipment and bogus coin were found in their room.

A Fatal Quarrel.

WILKESHAIRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—Morris Pope and J. H. Keithline, two well known citizens of this place, got into a quarrel over family matters Tuesday morning. During the excitement of words and just as they were about to come to blows Pope drew a revolver and shot Keithline. As the latter fell to the floor Pope put the gun to his own head and blew out his brains. Keithline, it is believed, can not recover.

Insolvency Court Law Question.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 15.—T. J. Varley, the statute clerk in the secretary of state's office, has raised the question of the validity of the insolvency court law of Hamilton and Cuyahoga counties, on the grounds that it is a county law, and the term exceeds the limit for county offices—three years. He holds that it does not come under Section 10, Article 4, of the constitution.

False Witnesses Go to the Pen.

NEWPORT, Ky., Dec. 15.—John Seward was given two years, and William R. Truette was given one year in the penitentiary, Tuesday. They are the false witnesses who cooked up a story in the Scott Jackson trial. The prisoners confessed and threw themselves on the mercy of the court.

Steam Schooner Overdue.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—The steam schooner Edith, Capt. Edwards, with a crew of 30 men aboard, is now nine days overdue from the Halibut banks off Hecate sound, and fears are entertained that some accident has befallen her owing to the severe storms of the past week.

GOMEZ'S MEN

Are Guarding the Gates of the City of Tunas.

No Food Can Be Taken Into the City From Surrounding Plantations.

Victory Will Soon Crown the Efforts of the Gray-Haired Warrior—Frequent Raids Are Made by Insurgents Upon Plantations in Havana Province.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 15.—The most important news received here Tuesday from Cuba is the victory which seems about to crown the arms of Gomez, the gray-haired warrior, in the province of Tunas. Tunas, the capital of the province, is completely surrounded by the patriot army, and no food can be taken through the gates from the surrounding plantations. Gen. Lopez Rocio is with Gomez. Both are confident that the city can not last much longer against them.

The Cuban forces in Tunas recently had a skirmish with Maj. Aldea, and captured from him about forty mules, loaded with arms and ammunition.

Meantime private messages to Cubans here, smuggled through from Havana, state that Quintin Bandera and a daredevil force are at large in the Havana province, where they are driving the Spanish commanders distracted. Frequent raids have been made upon plantations, under the very noses of the Spanish soldiers.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 15.—The insurgent forces operating east of Havana appear to be steadily advancing westward and winning victories as they advance. According to advices received here 600 insurgents, commanded by Chico Montaguado, have performed the brilliant feat of taking Placitas, which is the most important town in Santa Clara province.

Montaguado and his men belong to the forces under Maximo Gomez, and they seem to have taken the town by surprise. Montaguado's scouts discovered that the Spanish garrison at Placitas was very careless, and stated that the town could be taken by a sudden dash. Acting on this advice, Montaguado approached Placitas about 6 o'clock on the evening of December 10, and entered before the Spaniards were aware that the enemy was near. Twenty Spanish soldiers who were on the main plaza were ridden down and put to the machete by the Cubans. The remainder of the garrison retreated to the barracks and did not emerge until the Cubans left.

The insurgents held the town from 6 p. m. until 3 a. m., and sacked nearly every store in the place, securing an immense quantity of supplies and a large sum of money. They also captured the depot in which the Spaniards had stored military supplies, securing 2,000 Manner rifles and 150,000 rounds of cartridges.

CHICAGO TEAMSTER

Seriously Injured by the Explosion of Dynamite Cartridges—A Strange Affair.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Henry Thompson, a teamster, living at 263 Grand avenue, was seriously injured at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by the explosion of several dynamite cartridges. Thompson was driving along Lake street, when in front of Nos. 237 and 239, between Peoria and Sangamon streets, he noticed an end of bright copper wire protruding from the sidewalk. He grabbed the wire and while attempting to pull it out a loud explosion took place, completely shattering the sidewalk and hurling Thompson into the street. When picked up he was unconscious and physicians at the county hospital pronounced his injuries serious.

The police are greatly mystified over the explosion and are investigating the affair with a view of ascertaining why the cartridges were put in such a place.

Granted Thirty Days.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 15.—The court of appeals has granted the motion of Scott Jackson's attorneys for 30 days in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

Farmers' Faith.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.—Fourteen farmers of De Kalb county came here to consult a hypnotist in the hope of ending down a gang of robbers.



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Latest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., New York.

BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

A FIGHT ON

Between the Toledo Electric Co. and the Toledo Traction Co.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 15.—There is a pretty fight on here between the first mortgage bondholders of the Toledo Electric Co. on one side and the Toledo Traction Co. on the other, in which eastern and Chicago capitalists are deeply interested. The move of the Traction Co. to float nearly three millions of bonds in the east brought a report of the first mortgage bondholders Monday to press action for the appointment of a receiver for the electric company and an injunction restraining the traction company from using appliances of the general electric company here. A few weeks ago the stock in the Toledo Electric Co. was sold to New York parties, who sold to Ream & Shoal, of Chicago, principal owners of the Traction Co. The bondholders were not consulted, and are now fighting to save the property back of the bonds.

An injunction has already been granted, a motion for the appointment of a receiver filed, and now the bondholders, principally Boston men, are waiting for the court. The hearing will be held as quickly as it can be pressed.

NEWARK, O.

The Breaking of a Lamp Starts a Ninety Thousand Dollar Fire.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 15.—Fire Monday evening destroyed property valued at \$90,000. The breaking of a lamp in a store was the cause. The departments of Columbus and Zanesville were called out but the fire was under control before they arrived. The losses are as follows: The Allison Co., \$20,000; insurance, \$9,000; Koestring & Meyers, dry goods, \$30,000; insurance, \$18,000; Mary E. Jones, building, \$20,000; insurance not known; the post office building was damaged to the extent of \$10,000, but all mail was saved. Other small damages were as follows: J. C. Jones, stores, \$2,000; Hotel Warden, \$2,000; Odd Fellows' hall, \$3,000. The latter was insured for \$900.

Morphine Poisoning.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—George Turner, a lake engineer on the steamer Waverly, of the Gilbert line, was taken to St. John's hospital at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning where he died five minutes afterward, the cause of his death being morphine poisoning. Turner was a single man, 47 years old and boarded at 35 Burton street. It is believed that Turner took the drug with suicidal intent. Coroner Arbuckle will make an investigation.

To Fight for Cuba.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 15.—The Ohio agent of the New York Cuban junta was here Monday night and held a secret meeting at a room on Main street. About 50 of the most enthusiastic sympathizers of Cuba were present and tendered their services to fight for the cause. Of these 29 were accepted and will leave the city five at a time, arriving at the four points of rendezvous on the Gulf of Mexico.

Accounts to Be Proved.

WINCHESTER, O., Dec. 15.—J. K. Brown, an expert accountant, has been sent here by State Auditor Guilbert to examine the accounts in the county offices.

CHRISTMAS COMES

On apace. In a few short days, and also a few nights more, the largest stockings to be had on the bargain counters will be hung in a row on the mantel. (Families that are not already provided with mantels should buy at once, while the assortment is good.) The mysterious packages that have been hid during the past few weeks will come forth, for

ON DEC. 25

It is the beautiful custom for each member of the family to give to each of the other members of the family something that they least expect and usually least desire, as a token of good will. It is also the custom of young men to go "broke" about this time of the year to show their angels how deep their devotion is. This has occurred every year at this date, and there will be

NO POSTPONEMENT

This year on account of hard times. We have a few suggestions to make today for the benefit of the thousands of ladies who are trying to find "something for a man." Don't try to buy him a box of cigars, unless you can afford to buy good ones. Don't buy him a smoking jacket if he don't smoke. Don't buy him a diamond pin if he's hard up. If you've got a husband, don't buy him something

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And have the bill sent in for him to pay later on. If you want him to "brace up," buy him a pair of satin braces. If you want him to blow his own horn, buy him handkerchiefs. If he's a Republican, buy him a mackintosh or an umbrella for "protection." If you want to collar him, we'll help. If you want to suggest that you'd be willing to "tie" to him, buy him a necktie, and if you've "pinned" your faith to him, buy him a scarf pin—AND BUY 'EM HERE. Our great Clothing and Furnishing Goods sale will continue for the next two weeks, no matter what the condition

OF THE WEATHER.

The Buckeye,

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,

Cor. Front and Butler sts.,

MARIETTA, OHIO.

Old P. O. Building

Christmas Presents.

WE SUGGEST a sweater for your boy. They all want one—Whether they play ball or ride a bicycle. We have them—Colors, Black, Blue and White, 50 Cents to \$2.50.

Have reduced all of our \$3.00 Hats (the "Hawes") to \$2.50 for the Holiday trade.

Star Clothing House.

Bring in your Periodical Tickets.